

The Psychedelic Space Tarot

CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

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0. The Fool: An astronaut wanders out into an alien world. Being the fool, he throws caution to the wind by taking his helmet off. Thankfully he can breathe but only God knows what contaminates may be in this alien planet's air, not to mention the space rock in his right hand. Think before you act is the message behind this card. In this space deck we have replaced his canine companion with a robot. The robot is inspired by the robot in *Lost in Space* who warns Will Robinson of danger. In the card the robot's antenna is flashing / beeping trying to warn him he's about to fall over the edge.



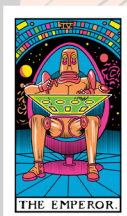
1. The Magician - A powerful Magician type holds a glowing wand in his right hand, while a cup and meteorite (Pentacle) levitate near his left. He is dressed like the showman he is. He wears a sword around his waist. He has mastery of all the elements.



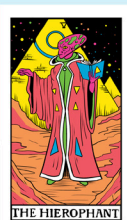
2. The High Priestess — This alien priestess sits between two crystal pillars, while various planets can be seen in the distance. On her head she wears a crescent moon headpiece (the original Waite Tarot has her reclining on the crescent moon). Generally the card means sacred knowledge and intuition.



3. The Empress - The true epitome of an "alien queen", this empress has a brood of eggs in front of her, some of which are already hatching. She sits within a cave, careful to take care of her babies away from the harsh alien environment. This card represents birth of all kinds.



4. Emperor - A lone robot sits in his egg shaped chair surrounded by various flashing buttons and beeping noises overhead, telling us that this figure is very much in control of the ship. On his lap is a futuristic control board, with which he can command things to happen just as he intends. This is usually seen as a father figure type, or a boss of some kind.



5. Hierophant - Somewhere, out there in that vast universe, it's plausible that Pyramids exist, alongside strange religious books and strange priests, that may actually match our own. We see here a kind of religious order based on the pyramid. The priest's religious clothing has many pyramid shaped patterns adorning it. In his hand, a religious book related to his religion. Perhaps he is preparing emissaries for a trip to earth. This card represents religious and spiritual matters of all kinds, and may indicate marriage.

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6. The Lovers - I've always liked the idea of the human astronaut having a sort of lovelorn relationship with an alien being millions of miles away. Sort've like a long distance internet relationship on steroids. A heart can be seen hovering on what appears to be antigravity hover rings of some kind. The heart belongs to the alien woman who hands it to the red headed astronaut. A heavenly figure towers over them giving them his or her blessing. The man is obviously foreign to her world, as is seen by his helmet tightly fastened to his suit. A card for lovers, it indicates partnerships, and can also represent harmony between people.



7. The Chariot - A solitary man in a bubble like spacecraft wanders the vast expanse of the universe. In his hands he controls his destiny. A card that represents controlling one's conflicting desires and feelings. As will be obvious with the imagery, can also indicate travel.



8. Strength - An alien woman whose bottom half resembles an octopus, tames an alien wild cat. The cat's scaly skin and multi eye mane should scare anyone away, but patient endurance is required to calm any animal instinct. Her inner strength tames the beast.



9. The Hermit - A reptilian hermit holds up a very bright egg shaped lantern. He represents knowledge that can only be found by inner reflection, meditation etc. His light shines a lamp of truth onto the reading at hand.



10. The Wheel of Fortune - A huge circular "mothership" can be seen orbiting an alien planet. Flying in toward the mothership are various small spacecraft, representative of the hopes and dreams of the querent. These small ships all intend to dock, but the mothership, or "wheel", will determine if such dreams may be granted entry. If you are down on your luck and get this card, a good change is surely around the corner, and if on a streak of good luck, then your "fortune" may begin to change.



11. Justice – She holds in her hand a laser sword, and in the other she holds scales. She is a divine being whose job it is to decide the fate of the good and wicked throughout the universe. A card of court cases, both good and bad. If you are about to reap what you have sown, will you look forward to the fruit of your work?



12. The Hanged Man - Every space adventurer's fear. As a young child I always wanted to be an astronaut. Many kids do. I thought that would be the ultimate adventure. It did cross my mind on occasion though, the dangers involved. For this deck the hanged man looks reasonably chilled out, considering he has been entangled in his tether, and that tether is clearly separated from the main ship. Talk

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about lost in space! Of course this card visually would mean death, and the hanged man, let's face it, in any other situation would represent suicide. Most interpret this card to mean suspension of action and inactivity. Some suggest it can indicate self-sacrifice



13. Death - Beneath an obnoxious black hole piercing the sky, an oppressive figure on a horse fires a laser beam, striking a second victim on the head, the first of which lies below the horses hooves, smoke still rising from his body. A mother and child pleads for their life. Death can, obviously, represent literal death but usually this applies more to the end of a relationship, business partnership or anything that can come to an end. As they say, when one door closes, another door opens. This should be the positive advice to be taken away from the card.



14. Temperance – An angel pouring liquid into two smaller vessels which appear to be tiny planets. She hovers over a planet that might look like it holds life. She represents moderation and patience, and to have a balanced approach.



15. The Devil – A reptilian looking being with tentacles coming from its wrists, has truly ensnared the two figures below. A human woman, and a planet headed long clawed figure who are instantly attracted to each other. They cannot escape and are enslaved to lust and addiction. Usually hints at something unusual or abnormal going on in a situation.



16. The Tower - Two astronauts fall from a tower in a space age city. It appears to be struck by a green laser blast from the sky. Nowhere else to go but down. This card represents sudden and total destruction.



17. The Star – A card of the superstar, and a positive card to receive, especially when concerned with hopes and dreams. An alien woman pours liquid into a pond. Can also denote charisma.



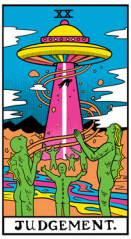
18. The Moon - A card that indicates hidden things. Think about the moon and it's light compared to that of the sun. In the night, all things are only half seen. In this card two astronauts on the moon discover a traditional UFO saucer lodged in the rocks of the moon. How long as it been here? It is a mystery. The dark side of the Moon may holds many secrets. This card can represent dreams, illusions and things only half understood and half seen. A great reminder to stay calm, collect a few solid facts, hear both sides etc, then form an opinion.



19. The Sun - A space boy on a green horse holds a sun themed pin wheel, while the blazing sun shines brightly above them. The sun spits out solar flares reminding us of the power of this gigantic life giver, without which we would not exist.

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The sun represents spring and especially summer, but also great joy and optimism. Can indicate a birth.



20. Judgement - As the dragon people get themselves reading for their “heaven’s gate” moment, they behold a massive UFO sucking up a poor soul (victim?). The powerful antigravity technology lifts the very rocks and dust from the surface of this alien world. The UFO is beautiful and multicoloured (slightly inspired by the musical UFO from Spielberg’s Close Encounters of the Third Kind), but judgement has, nonetheless, come to the land. This card can represent the past catching up with you, old wounds, so to speak, reopening. Past issues never resolved finally landing on your lap. In a positive note, in relationships it can sometimes indicate second chances.



21. The World - A female astronaut sits on top of the world, surrounded by various planets, and an aura of stars. This card represents completion in projects, tasks etc and can indicate travel, especially international travel.

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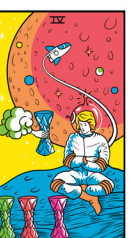
Ace of Cups - A robotic hand holds a crystal cup surrounded by planets and stars. This card represents love of all kinds. Always a good card in relationship readings.



Two of Cups - Similar to the Lovers card earlier, we see an alien woman and a human astronaut man with two cups. They are in love. The two-snake caduceus behind them probably represents negotiation, or a good partnership (which would apply to more than romantic relationships)



3 of Cups - Three alien women, one with green skin, one with tentacles and one with claws like that of a crustacean, celebrate with their three crystal cups. Surrounding them is an abundance of alien fruit and vegetables, symbolic of a good harvest and having plenty. Can indicate birth of a newborn.



4 of Cups - An astronaut, still attached to his spacecraft by a tether, sits cross legged staring at three cups. Some suggest these three cups are the cups left over from the previous card, with the figure longing for something more, yet not able to see the cup being held right beside him. The cup being offered suggests hope of some kind. The client should be encouraged to look for what that hope might be. What is it they are not quite seeing that could be helpful?

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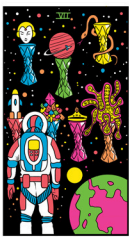


5 of Cups - A figure looks at three knocked over cups. This figure does not see the other two still standing, or is not focused on them. The common interpretation is that he is mourning what is lost, rather than consoling himself with what he still has. A card of regret and disappointment the figure feels like a failure. The meteorites falling to the surface of this alien earth symbolises his feelings of sorrow.

It was by accident but to me he resembles the alien figure at the beginning of the Alien franchise prequel Prometheus a little bit.



6 of Cups - Back to childhood, an astronaut remembers his boyhood, playing with the local blue alien girl. He hands her a little flower. Nostalgia for home, and feeling like a child again. We get these feelings throughout our lives I think. I am sure I am not the only one. Perhaps it has a tinge of sadness, knowing that what used to be real is gone, forever, existing only as a memory. We sometimes wish we could “go back”, but did “it” even exist? It is a happy card usually, and indicates home and family.



7 of Cups -The Astronaut is faced with 7 temptations / desires. Clockwise from top left: Head: beauty (or vanity), Planet and Space craft: travel/exploration (or invasion), Snake: knowledge (misuse of knowledge for evil), Alien monster: represented as envy gone out of control (though it's opposite would be feeling genuinely happy for someone). Crown: leadership (tyranny), Jewels: wealth (greed), Rocket ship: achievement (or pride). This card is usually interpreted as vain imaginings. The cups' specific contents are not too important here, it's more about wanting things, desiring things that may not do you any good.

I see these as similar to the 7 deadly sins of pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony and sloth.



8 of Cups - The figure walks away from the vain imaginings in the 7, and in the card you can see him doing his space walk. Leaving a bad situation and moving onto something better and brighter.

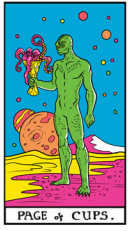


9 of Cups - The wish card. A female reptilian alien with tentacle arms holds 9 cups. This card represents someone's dreams, especially those dreams coming true. It is an optimistic card. So be careful what it is you desire most, because this card indicts you may just get it.



10 Cups - Humans and aliens living together in peace. It's a card of great blessings, especially in family and relationship matters. Three silhouette flying saucers hover over a mansion on a hill, perhaps extended family. The figures in the foreground wave farewell. A good card for families.

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Page of Cups - A reptilian youth stands upon the seashore of a strange planet. In his cup is an alien sea creature which he studies. The Page represents a message of love. This is another card that can indicate news of a birth. The Page reminds us to enjoy youth and young love, for time is fleeting.



Knight of Cups - Often this figure may hold a romantic interest in the querent. He is considered the "courtship" period in a relationship. His horse's mane resembles that of Medusa, but holds no real symbolic meaning to me, at least consciously, other than it is obviously an otherworldly horse. Again, like the rest of the Cups courts suit, he is a reptilian.



Queen of Cups - The Queen appears to be drawing some sort of strength from an almost earth like planet, but that planet is obviously still alien in nature. She is surrounded in the kind of water all self respecting reptilians prefer. Often this queen is thought to be psychic, or empathic in nature.



King of Cups - The King sits on a throne shaped like a heart. He is in control of his feelings and might even be a bit slow to show them. He holds a crystal tipped sceptre in one hand and a cup in his other, adorned with jewels.



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Ace of Pentacles - The pentacles are represented as meteorites throughout the entire suit. Two space craft can be seen flying in the background as a green skinned hand appears from a pink cloud holding a decent sized meteorite. This represents money and financial opportunities.



2 of Pentacles - A woman balances two meteorites while walking upon a rainbow bridge. It reminds me a little on the balancing act on a tightrope. She has skilfully mastered keeping things afloat. This relates to money; the amount of money coming in and the amount of money going out. She keeps an eye on what is being both earned and spent.

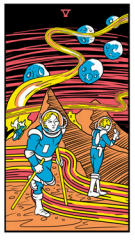


3 of Pentacles - An astronaut craftsman is publicly working on a project, and two green skinned bulbous headed aliens show him a digital screen with their exact plans. It's a group effort. Think community, council, even public galleries.



4 of Pentacles - The big city. A figure sits hovering about a space age highway, as towering buildings flank him either side. This card represents saving your money, even smart spending. You are not just throwing it away. Making a little go a long way.

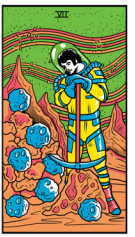
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5 of Pentacles - Two astronauts have crash landed on a planet cursed by sand-storms. In the distance we see their spacecraft on fire and the flames rising through the meteorites that have caused it's demise. One astronaut is injured, and another calls for help on a speaking device. If only they could see that little building between the two hills, they might be able to get help. This card indicates poverty, and sometimes illness and disability.



6 of Pentacles - An astronaut gives some coins to a poor alien, while the other is shown scales. This card symbolises generosity and giving. It is a reminder to us to give to those less fortunate when we have the means to do so.



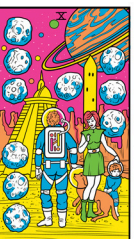
7 of Pentacles - An astronaut takes a rest from mining space rock. He dreams of receiving a good price for it when it is finally gathered and refined, then sold at market. This card indicates hard work and the waiting period between creating a product and finally seeing some money for that product when it is finally for sale. This could be anything from a crowd funding campaign to as basic as planting seeds, like the original Waite Smith, maintaining the plant until it produces.



8 of Pentacles - This craftsman has a similar idea to the producer in the 7 of Pentacles, but instead of the hard labor of the 7, his work is a bit more skilled and technical. He is honing his skill. This card can mean engagement if appearing alongside romantic cards. A card related to dedication.



9 of Pentacles - A lady of leisure, she has earned every bit of it . She's been a merchant and has sold many of her products for years, so now she can sit back and relax. Sometimes, unfortunately, this can mean that because of all the work she has involved herself with, she has had very little time for friends, so although she is wealthy, she may lack friendship. Quite an independent woman

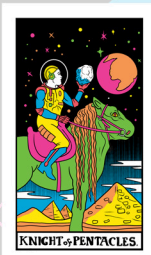


10 of Pentacles - A great family card, it mainly relates to money, inheritance, estates etc, as represented by the Pentacles. This woman/mother in this family is not wearing an oxygen helmet, keeping with a recurrent theme in the deck that the galactic family is made up of all manner of races, tongues and creeds.

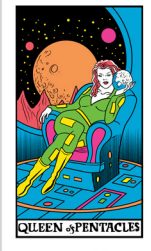


Page of Pentacles - An astronaut holds up his first meteorite. These particular meteorites are valuable in their universe. He is a student or apprentice, perhaps in finance. A good card for those starting out in a venture and wanting to know if there's anything of worth in it. This is a sign that indeed there is.

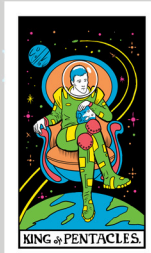
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Knight of Pentacles - An astronaut holds up a meteorite in an alien desert. His horse is strange in appearance, perhaps slower than most horses, but sturdy and dependable. This astronaut knight is reliable and you will be able to depend on him. He may take his time with things but I argue it is because he wants to do a good job, think things through etc.

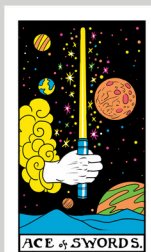


Queen of Pentacles - She sits aboard a spacecraft that has landed in red rocky type terrain. In her hand she holds a precious meteorite. She is typically a homemaker, can handle bills and keep track of payments etc. She is quite a powerful woman. Might also be really into fighting for the planet, and caring about nature etc.

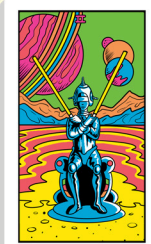


King of Pentacles - This king hovers above the planet earth, being the epitome of material wealth and possessions. Often a businessman or entrepreneur, he is successful in money matters. A great provider for his family, he is the Knight of Pentacles come to fruition. (Perhaps if you are a partner to the Knight of Pentacles mentioned earlier, your patience in him, through his evolution into the King, may have paid off!)

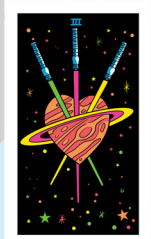
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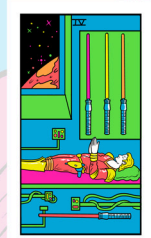
Ace of Swords - A laser sword burns brightly against the backdrop of a starry sky. It is held by a hand coming from a cloud. These hands that appear from clouds symbolise, I believe, an element not of oneself, but rather from something higher. Spiritual interventions almost, or in the case of the Aces, the raw element that makes up the suit; wind, fire, water and earth. The Ace in this suit represents clear mindedness and good judgement that will lead to success. Critical and rational thinking. Can be related to communication.



2 of Swords - A robotic humanoid figure crosses itself with two laser swords upon a seashore beneath numerous planets. This card represents difficult choices having to be made.



3 of Swords - Three swords pierce a planet themed heart. A card of separation and sorrow. Could even indicate divorce. Usually this card speaks of arguments, harsh words etc.



4 of Swords - A man lies upon a bed resting inside a spacecraft. Outside we see an orange planet. He is safe, away from hardship, struggles and battles. It is his time to rest. When you or a client receive this card it might be an indication you need to relax or take some time away for yourself.

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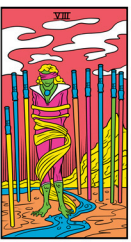
5 of Swords - Two astronauts walk away from the astronaut in the foreground. The figure holding the most swords thinks he has won the battle, but it is a hollow victory. The fact is that the other two are walking away because the main figure is not fighting fairly. The snake in the background symbolises the treacherous snake in the foreground.



6 of Swords - A group of aliens make their way across the sea in the hopes of a better future. In the sea a scaly sea creature makes an appearance, reminding us that until we reach our destination, we can't fully feel at peace. The card indicates moving towards calmer waters, travel, especially by sea, and escaping from a bad situation.



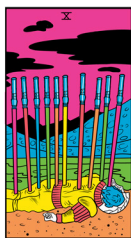
7 of Swords - An astronaut slips away stealthily, hoping to steal some swords from a training camp. We can see the people in the distance, but they are too far away to take any notice of the main astronaut in the picture. It is a card of theft, and a reminder that someone is taking things that don't belong to them. It could be anything from intellectual property theft to just down and dirty credit card fraud. A card that reminds us to be on guard.



8 of Swords. - An alien figure is blindfolded and tied up with a fabric of some sort, and surrounded by laser swords. She feels trapped, scared even, that the next step she takes, since her legs are not bound, could be fatal to her. It has often been suggested that she is not tightly bound and may even be able to escape if she made a little more effort. It is a card of feeling trapped, isolated and not knowing how to get out of a situation.



9 of Swords - A man on a space craft has prematurely awoken from his hypersleep to discover that he wasn't just having a nightmare. A huge tentacled creature has breached the ship. A card of worry, anxiety, and nightmares. It should be mentioned that not all of our fears are as real as we think they are. Sometimes we make them more real through our imaginations.

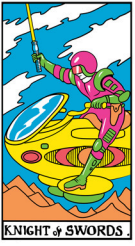


10 of Swords - A poor astronaut lies pierced through multiple times upon the shore. His oxygen helmet is cracked, and he is left for dead. A card that represents ruin of all kinds. It may be financial ruin, reputational ruin, even a ruined marriage or engagement. It would be a good chance to remind the client that with every ending there is a chance for a new beginning.



Page of Swords - A rocket ship lifts off in the background with a mighty explosion as a young astronaut practices with his sword. Thirsty for knowledge he can represent a spy, or rival who might be envious of you or the client (he may even be a spy and rival at the same time!). Be careful!

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Knight of Swords - Unlike his other knightly counterparts, this knight, following in the tradition of his family, has ditched the horse and has upgraded to a futuristic hoverbike. He speeds through the air, sword raised. He is considered sometimes to be a family member or friend who stirs things up. Can be a troublemaker and one who does not think things through before charging into battle. (and often will live to regret it)



Queen of Swords - A lofty figure, she sits on a hovering throne above jagged rocks. She is considered an intellectual kind of woman and can be found taking a great interest in politics, causes etc. In many cases she may be a single woman, possibly lonely. Sometimes thought to represent a widow, she can at times feel heartbroken, and maybe feeling like she is left out of the crowd.



King of Swords - Propelled into the air by fiery boosters at either side of his rocket chair, this king is often a teacher, lawyer or any other person in authority. This guy does not really think with his heart, preferring instead to think with his more rational mind. Seeing this card in a reading can even warn of an encounter with the law or authorities.

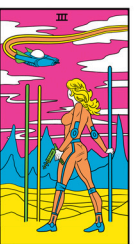
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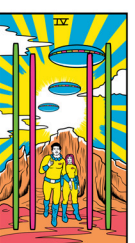
Ace of Wands - An alien hand appears from a cloud holding a glowing stick. It is surrounded by cities and civilisations, each encased in bubble like spheres. This is a card of action, of the impulse to get up and do something. The first spark of putting something into action.



2 of Wands - A gigantic figure holds the planet earth in his hand as though he plans to conquer it. This card is all about planning, and a big part of that planning is visualising what you want, streamlining it, and visualising it again until you have a definite plan of action. A great card of intention.



3 of Wands - A woman watches a spacecraft making its way down to the surface. It may be a supply ship! This is a card of waiting, and the card typically means "waiting for your ships to come in".



4 of Wands - A fleet of flying saucers fly overhead, coming from a mountain. Two human astronauts find themselves on a planet similar to ours with breathable oxygen. This card represents family celebrations and things relating to house and home. Can also indicate weddings.

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5 of Wands - Astronauts battle against aliens. As is usually the case, first contact with the “others” often results in bloodshed, fear, doubt etc. Thankfully this group of contenders are only partially serious and do not mean any permanent harm. This card represents petty arguments and disagreements, especially in groups.



6 of Wands - A victorious alien rides upon an equally bizarre looking alien horse creature. Marching alongside him are multiple alien races of the big bug eyed variety. A great card to find in readings. Whatever you’re doing it’s working! It is always suggested, however, that one not bask in the glory for too long, because there may be those eyeing up your position at the top and wanting it for themselves.



7 of Wands - A sleestak from Land of the Lost makes an appearance in our 7 of Wands. Christine loved the show when she was a kid, and once in awhile this character makes an appearance (see the horror comic themed Twisted Tarot Tales). A card of competition and struggle, the figure stands his ground, as the others try to take his place at the top.



8 of Wands - A series of 8 glowing sticks fly through space just above a planet that looks similar to our own earth. A card of fast movement, fast communication and can indicate travel.



9 of Wands - A solitary astronaut stands guard against the enemy. He has sustained some slight damage, as is seen on the ripped sleeve of his right arm. A card of problems and setbacks. A call to be on guard against such issues. Try to encourage the client to be on guard against an outside force.



10 of Wands - A weighed down astronaut carries 10 colorful sticks to a nearby space structure. His ray gun is firmly placed in the holster so we know that although this is a card of burden, it is not in any way related to war of any kind. This is a burden that can probably be shared if you would be willing to ask for help.



Page of Wands - An intergalactic astronaut plants a flag upon an alien landscape. He is an adventurer who likes to explore. The flag’s emblem symbolises a coalition of various planets working as one to further such exploration.

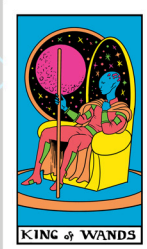
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Knight of Wands - The knight, like the rest of his royal family, has a blue skin tone and slightly elongated head. A card of travel, especially by land, this character is high energy and impulsive.



Queen of Wands - She sits on a strange throne with the back of her chair appearing to be a window into the universe. In her hand she has a long wand, as though a sceptre. This queen is a great planner and loves to be the life of the party. A very active woman, she likes to be involved socially.

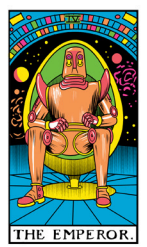


King of Wands - This king, like his Queen, appears to sit on a throne with a window to the universe. From his window we see the celestial night sky. The King of Wands is a man who is very much in charge, and can be thought of as almost being like an emperor. A love of nature and the countryside. This figure, like other kings, represents adult males, for example husbands, bosses etc.

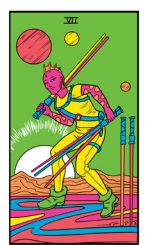
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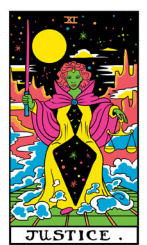
The Fool - Similar to the Fool with the robot, this bonus card has all the same meanings, (minus a robot.) Some of the cards had a few different versions and Christine felt that they could be included as bonus cards.



The Emperor - An alternative version of the Emperor, where he has no control panel. Instead, his arms rest upon his thighs as he gazes onwards. Christine liked this version and so we decided to include it. The card still holds the same meanings as the original.



7 of Swords - When I drew this 7 of swords, in my mind she needed to be included, even as a bonus, though I still see her as the main 7 of swords personally (just because I like how she turned out). I like the other 7 of swords in the deck too, but I think visually this one turned out a bit more interesting. Just my personal opinion. In this card she is trying to sneak away before sunrise. The window of opportunity for that successful getaway is now closing. She needs to act fast if she wants to escape undetected.



Justice - Again, I tend to see this bonus card as more the “official” justice card, again mainly because it looks more interesting to me. From her neck downwards she has a celestial type body, and she sits on a structure of some sort which is almost covered in mist. She retains the same card meanings as the other Justice card in the deck.